

of municipal government which Mr. Brice, in his American Commonwealth, says is the one dark spot in our form of government. It will require men and women with a wisdom that is from above to meet and settle these intricate problems. Then there is the question of education, one of the greatest of all the problems that confront us. The farmer and the mechanic, the mason and the street cleaner, the merchant and the clerk, these are to have a college education in the new era which is about to dawn upon us, that they may have power to enjoy the larger culture, the arts and sciences, and thus find a greater degree of pleasure in the daily routine of their labors. Then too the world has not yet learned the profound lesson which Jesus taught almost 2,000 years ago, the relation of the spiritual to the material; that men and women are to conduct their business on gospel principles; that they are to engage in farming, and in manufacturing, and in railroading, and in merchandising, not merely for the money they can make out of it, but for the betterment of human society, for the honor and glory of God; not merely for the good they can get out of the world but for the good they can inject into it. Every profession in life, every vocation, every trade, every enterprise, whatever its nature, is to be made a ministry of the gospel to lost humanity.

We hear it stated optimistically sometimes that the coming century will settle all these problems, that it will witness such political reforms as to abolish corrupt municipal and state government, such economic reforms as to abolish poverty, such social reforms as to wipe out the disgrace of our divorce courts and saloons, such international reforms as to put an end to war, such educational reforms as to abolish illiteracy, such religious reforms as will evangelize the world. These are large expectations, and if realized would mark a great advance in civilization. It would be good to live in such a world, but we do not expect the coming century to accomplish all these things. It is too much of a task for any inanimate hundred years. Let us not attempt to generalize the responsibility in this way by shifting it upon the shoulders of the vague centuries. If these reforms, or any of them are to be accomplished, the work will be done by Christian men and women who are keenly alive to their responsibilities under God. It will be done largely by those whom we call our young people, who are to march in the plenitude of strength far toward the middle of the century. Upon their shoulders we place the unfinished tasks of the closing century, and bid them as the Lord bid Joshua upon the threshold of Caanan, Be of good courage, Go forward and possess the land.

Let me appeal to you my young friends in

whom I feel the keenest interest. Life in the next century is going to be intense. What a stirring of men's minds, what conflicts of mighty forces, what political convulsions, what social upheavals there will be. It will be a time when lovers of peace and righteousness will look around anxiously for a conservative force, for that steadiness of principle, that soundness of mind, that courage and faith, which have always constituted the saving elements in society and steered the frail bark of state thru dangerous breakers. And this conservative force can not be found anywhere else but in the religion of the New Testament crystalized in the hearts of men. There is a manifest call for more profound intensity, a greater earnestness, a fuller consecration, a more thorough training upon the part of Christians. Never before since the beginning of time did such glorious opportunities present themselves to the young as in these closing years of the century. Will they accept them? Never before were such doors of usefulness open to them as there are to day. Will they be wise and enter in? Almost infinite possibilities are wrapped up in the next decade for the young man who has sufficient intellectual keenness and prophetic vision to grasp them. We are carrying over with us into the new era intricate and perplexing problems, and the solution of them rests with the young people of to day who with the dawn of the twentieth century will merge into the full fruition of manhood. Will they be ready for the awful responsibilities which these years will thrust upon them? I would have you understand that it is my earnest conviction that the solution of these problems lies not without the sphere of the religion of Christ. The universe with all its perplexities, confusions, variety, has no key to its problems but that disclosure of God whom we call the Christ. As the athlete trains for a terrible battle, as the soldier trains for an arduous and dangerous campaign, let the young man who mean to accomplish something for humanity train for the career which opens before him; and above all things, into that future so pregnant with the mighty issues of the human race, into that century which is likely to witness the climax of human history, the converging of all the mightiest forces, let him take, above all things, let him take Christ.

## Personal Mention

Brother Keiffer reports an accession at his appointment, Zion Hill.

Another accession to the mission in Washington reported by Brother Lyon.

Brother Grisso, Bryan, Ohio, reports one accession to the church of which he is pastor.

Brother E. H. Smith writes: "The work here is moving along nicely. Baptized two recently. Expect to begin our so-called revival meeting on or

about November 20. We are soliciting some one to assist us in the effort. Pray for Zion here."

Brother Bemenderfer reports four accessions in his field of labor. The work at his several appointments is going forward encouragingly.

The Waterloo church building, according to the report of Brother Peck, is nearing completion and will be ready for dedication about November 16 or 23.

Brother A. J. Hixson calls attention to a matter that specially interests every minister in the Kanemorado district. Let them give heed to what he writes.

Brother J. Allen Miller informs us that his brother, W. H. Miller, North Manchester, Indiana, who has been down with typhoid fever, is improving, tho very slowly.

We regret exceedingly to report that at this writing Brother Yoder has not improved any and according to the reports he is a very sick man. Let the whole church pray for his recovery.

Brother Jacobs, of the Homer church, reports one accession to the church, Brother Jacobs has been called as pastor of the Homer church for the eighteenth year, which certainly speaks well for both pastor and people.

From Brother Swihart we learn that a new church building at Berne, Indiana, has just been completed and will be dedicated November 16. Either Brother Miller or the editor will be there to preach the sermon for the occasion.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be pleased to hear once more from the Old Dominion. Brother D. C. Moomaw has an interesting communication in this issue. The work in southwestern Virginia is prospering and the outlook is certainly encouraging.

We have the following postal card from Brother Hopkins: "Yesterday we were at Loree, baptized one who had come forward at a previous appointment. Last night another, one for whom we prayed many times, came forward and made the good confession and will be baptized next appointment."

The meeting at Williamstown, Ohio, conducted by brother I. D. Bowman closes to-night (Thursday). A full report of the meeting will appear later. The meeting was a splendid success, and the accessions will count up to between fifteen and twenty. Brother Bowman has the happy faculty of uniting the people and that always means success. The brotherhood will be anxiously waiting for the report of this meeting.

In his communication from Goshen Brother Rensch reports four accessions in his former pastorate. We rejoice with Brother Rensch in the very pleasant experience he had had with the people of Milford. It is always a cause for congratulations when one is escorted in that kind of style from the place where he has lived and labored for many years.

Brother Gillin has been gathering the statistics of accessions to the church as they appear in the EVANGELIST each week. The third quarter's report is published on another page of this issue, tho it should have appeared several weeks ago. The delay is our fault and not Brother Gillin's. The two months of the year which yet remain should be made fruitful in a large ingathering for the Lord.

A large New Foundland dog went mad in Chicago the other day and bit several women and children before it could be killed. A large police force was called out to effect its capture. On that same street that same day there were scores of people bitten by "the worm of the still" yet no alarm was sounded and no effort made to stop the business. Some day it too must die.